

Grants to Improve Farm Productivity

Rural Development Programme for England

This grant scheme is targeted towards livestock, dairy, arable and horticultural businesses seeking to invest in projects that will improve their productivity. This grant can fund up to 40% of a project, with the minimum application set at £35,000. This threshold requires projects to have a total cost in excess of £87,500.



The RDPE is seeking projects that will improve productivity through the use of robotic equipment, renewable energy storage and distribution, LED wavelength lighting and use of slurries, manures and digestate. The grant can be used to help pay for the purchase and installation of equipment and machinery.

Project Examples:

- A dairy farm purchasing and installing a robotic milking parlor
- A horticultural grower investing in robotic weeding equipment
- A large-scale dairy farmer purchasing modern slurry application equipment
- A large-scale pig farmer with an AD plant installing digestate processing equipment
- A poultry farmer installing a renewable heat distribution system
- A horticultural grower investing in a renewable energy storage facility to power cold stores

Key Dates:

- 31st July 2017, Countryside productivity scheme first published
- 3rd December 2018, Application deadline
- 31st December 2020, Successful applicants must have finished and paid for the project

Our local teams have considerable experience working with businesses to develop ideas and successfully make applications to the RDPE. If you would like to utilise this opportunity to develop your farm business, please discuss your idea with a member of the farming department.